



Davis County
Children's Justice Center

Where small voices are heard

- **DAVIS COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER**

- Interim Director
- Victim Services/MDT Coordinator

- **HART**

- Volunteer-Sexual Assault Crisis Team

- ✓ **Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA)**

- ✓ Executive Director
- ✓ Sexual Assault Counselor Training Coordinator

- ✓ **Safe Harbor Crisis Center**

- ✓ Sexual Assault Program Manager
- ✓ Volunteer Crisis Response Team

- **Licensed SSW**

- State of Utah

- **Utah State University**

- Bachelor of Science



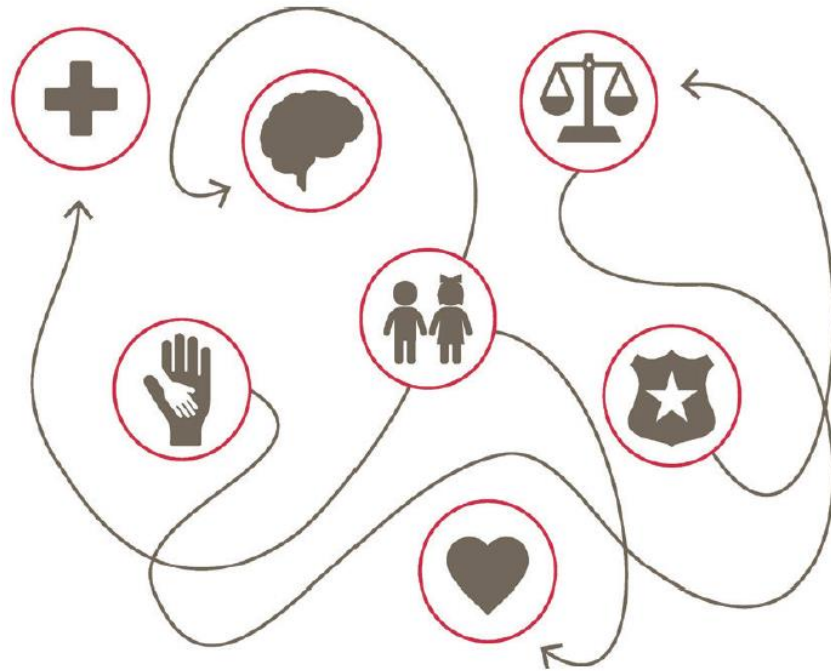
Our Overall Mission

- The Utah CJC program is committed to responding to allegations of child abuse within the community in ways that are effective and help minimize trauma for the child. We believe that the combined knowledge used in the MDT approach provides the most complete understanding of case issues, creating a response that coincides with the child's best interest.

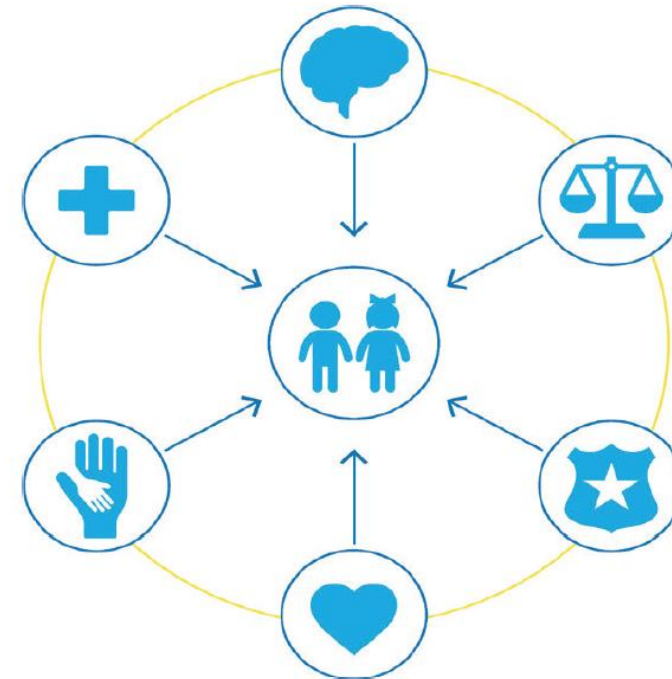
The CJC Model:

- The children's Justice Center (CJC) model helps communities respond more effectively to child abuse. Each center combines a child-focused setting with a multidisciplinary team approach to:
 - minimize trauma for the child during the investigative process
 - improve access to support services
 - increase coordination amongst agencies involved in each case.

Without CJC



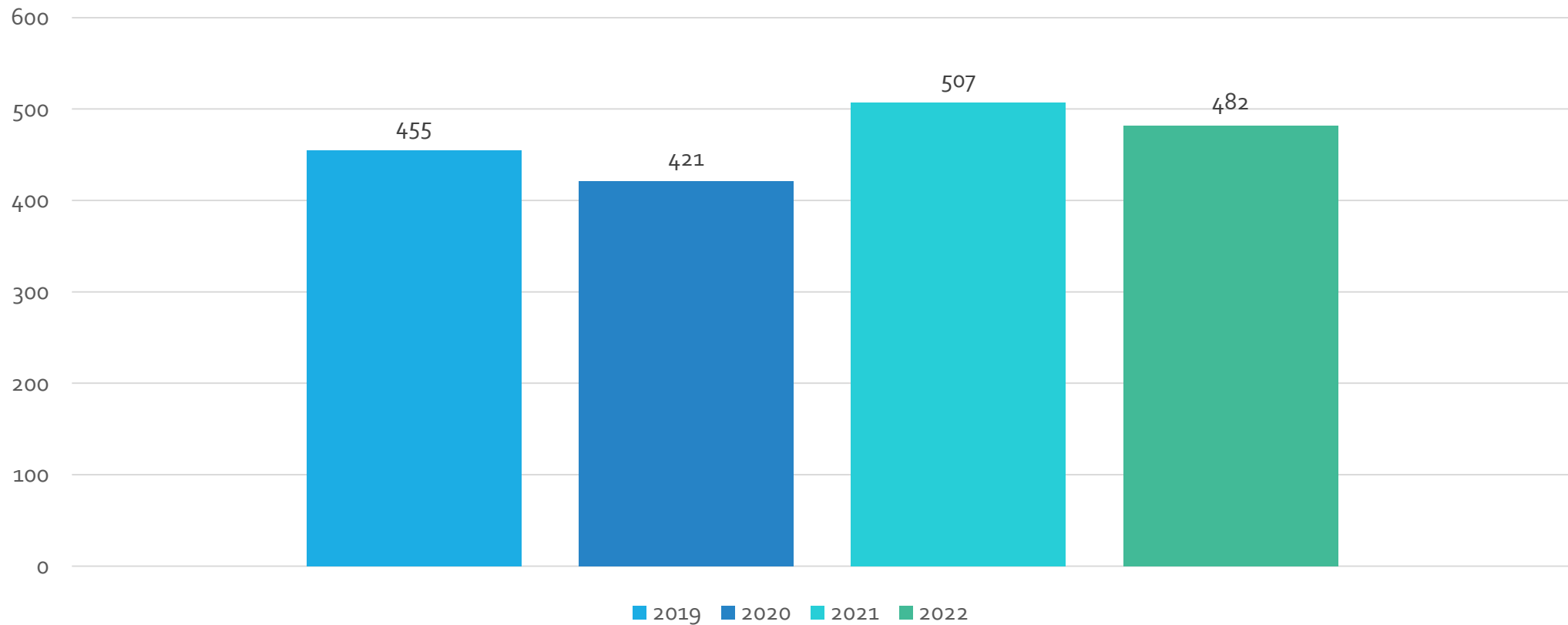
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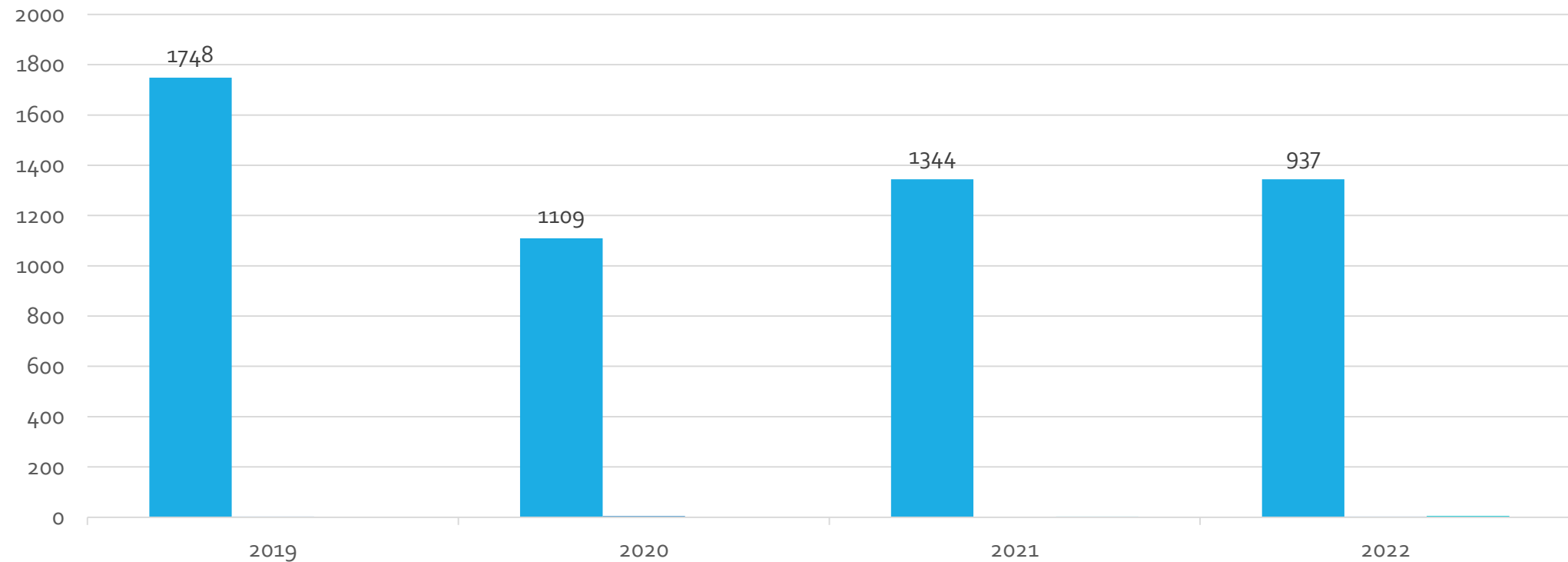
Support at the CJC:

- Child focused Setting
- Forensic Interviews
- MDT Approach
- Medical Exams
- Support Services
- Professional Training

Primary Victims Seen at the CJC



Secondary Victims seen at the CJC



Some STATS

- In FY 20, the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) received 40,364 reports of child abuse and neglect. 20,713 of the reports were accepted for formal CPS assessment. A total of 7,334 confirmed CPS reports of abuse and neglect resulted in 10,654 confirmed child victims.
- 21.6% Child Endangerment
- 20.7% Domestic Violence Related Child Abuse
- 14.3% Sexual Abuse
- 11.8% Other Neglect
- 9.9% Physical Abuse
- 6.1% Physical Neglect
- 5.5% Emotional Abuse

More STATS

- Delayed disclosure of up to two years.
- Less than 1/2 disclose to parent.
- Over 40% only disclose after being prompted
- Perps use various methods of manipulation
 - Manipulation of family – 68%
 - Emotional rapport – 59%
 - Coercion – 39%
 - Providing treats / presents – 17%

OTHER STATS

- Utah ranks in the top 5 nationally for sexual abuse
- Utah ranks 8th nationally for combined sexual & physical abuse
- Confirmed case in Utah every 38 minutes

THE IMPACT OF ABUSE

- 20% off all victims develop psychological problems
 - PTSD
 - Nightmares
 - Behavioral disorders
 - Anger issues
 - Loss of bladder control

THE IMPACT OF ABUSE

- Long term affects of untreated child abuse
 - 38% increased arrest rate for violence
 - 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile
 - 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult
 - 30% more likely to commit a violent crime
 - 65% of people in drug treatment victimized as child
 - 25% are less likely to practice safe sex
 - 25% more likely to experience teen pregnancy

OFFENDERS

- 96 % of sexual offenders are known to the child
- 60% are acquaintances or friends
- 20% are fathers
- 16% are relatives
- 4% are strangers

PORNOGRAPHY AND SEX ABUSE

- Directly tied to the growth of pornography on the internet
- FBI studies, pornography influential in actions of sex offenders and serial murderers
- 90% of predators molesting children have involved with pornography
- Predators imitate the sexual behavior seen in porn
- Utah is #1 in nation for households with a computer
- Utah is #1 for online paid porn subscriptions

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- Utah spends approx. \$2.4 million per day, \$1 billion annually on child sex abuse
 - 2015 US estimated annual cost of child abuse is \$124 billion
 - Approx 85% is spent on perpetrators
 - Approx 15% is spent on victims
 - .05% is spent on prevention
- Medical care, mental health, lost work, property damage, STIs, pregnancy, suicidal acts, substance abuse, victim services, investigation/adjudication, confinement/treatment, earning loss, suffering, lost quality of life

The Value of CJC's

- When abuse is suspected, the child is brought to a Children's Justice Center--a safe, child-focused facility--to talk to a trained interviewer.
- A team of law enforcement, child protective services, medical and mental health providers, victim advocates, and prosecutors make decisions together about how to handle the case and help the child.
- Children and families are connected with services and supported throughout the process.

Don't give up.
I believe in you all.
A person's a person
no matter how small.
– Dr. Seuss

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End Notes

- * Data from the 2020 Utah DCFS Annual Report
- * [health.Utah.gov/costs of Sexual Violence in Utah 2015](https://health.utah.gov/costs-of-Sexual-Violence-in-Utah-2015)
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- National Crime Victim Survey, 2014
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- Crime in Utah Report, 2018
- FBI uniform crime reports, 2018